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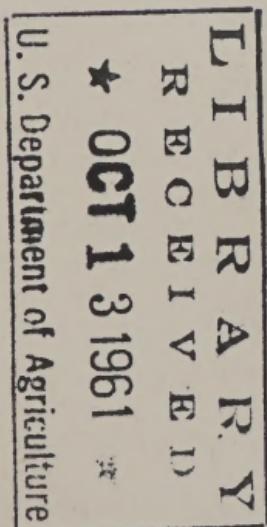
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Fresh Seed, Harvested in 1941, from Native Plants of the High Plains, Badlands and Black Hills

Responding to the continued demand for seeds from this region we have again gathered a select list of hardy perennials, together with an annual or two and a few noteworthy shrubs, which we recommend as rare, beautiful and of distinct garden interest. Some descriptions are given and others may be had in our regular catalog of plants, a copy of which will be furnished on request. It is nature's way to scatter the seeds variously from time of ripening until spring's abundant moisture brings final softening and disintegration of the tougher seed vessels. Refrigerator treatment or early planting for the advantage of some freezing and thawing is suggested for most kinds.

At 25c the packet, except as noted:

Allium cernuum Familiar pink Nodding Onion.
(10c)

Allium recurvatum superbum Pagosa Onion. Some-
what like *cernuum* but much larger, flowering
earlier.

Aquilegia brevistyla Dainty and prolific Columbine
of purple and cream. Usually 8 to 12".

Argemone intermedia Prickly Poppy. Enormous
flowers of crinkled white. 20 to 24". (10c)

Arnica fulgens Lovely gray leaved golden Daisy
for moderately dry locations. June.

Artemisia frigida Fringed Sage; see plant catalog.

Asclepias pumila Dwarf Milkweed. Near-white
form.

Aster conspicuus Wide rounded topped masses of
pinkish violet, late summer. 12 to 30". Rare.

Aster fluviatilis Prolific, light lavender, 3'. (15c)

Aster kumleini Blue, 16", Sept. (10c)

Aster meritus Pinkish violet, July flowering, 10 to
12", and fine.

Aster nebrascensis Nebraska Aster, for stream-
side or light shade, blue lavender, dense racemes,
Sept.

Aster ptarmicoides (*Unamia alba*) White Upland
Aster, usually 10 to 14", July, Aug.

Aster salicifolius Willow-leaved Aster. Selected
form, light lavender, 24 to 30", Aug.

Astragalus (*Geoprumnon*) *crassicarpus* Buffalo
Pea. Lavender flowers, with fruits like red
cheeked plums in clusters on the ground.

Campanula petiolata Western, floriferous, long
season Harebell. (10c)

Chrysopsis villosa Golden Aster. Broadside of lu-
minous gold, Aug., Sept. Select form.

Clematis ligusticifolia Tall vine, dense clusters of
small white fragrant flowers, July, Aug. Will
stand neglect and drought. (15c)

Clematis (*Atragene*) *tenuiloba* See plant catalog.

Clematis texensis Well-known urn-shaped flowers
of scarlet; low vine.

Coryphantha (*Mamillaria*) *vivipara* Ball Cactus,
with wonderful flowers of carmine rose. (10c)

Dalea (*Parosela*) *aurea* A striking plant of gray
green and airy light yellow, Prairie Clover habit.

Dodecatheon pauciflorum (*vulgare*—*Hortus II*)
Dwarf Shooting Star. May.

Echinacea angustifolia Pink Cone-Flower. July.
(10c)

Erigeron subtrinervis Very beautiful densely fringed
lavender Aster, or Daisy. July, Aug.

Gaillardia aristata The native wild Gaillardia, deep
yellow, red zoned. June and later.

Geum (*Sieversia*) *triflorum* Pink Plumes. Interest-
ing plant for shade and humus.

Gutierrezia sarothrae Broom Bush, a golden mound.

Hedeoma campora Perennial Pennyroyal. Long season.

Ipomoea leptophylla Bush Morning-glory. Wide-spreading, handsome reddish flowers. July, on.

Iris missouriensis Beautiful flowers, silvery blue.

Lathyrus incanus (*ornatus incanus*) Sand Pea. May.

Lepachys columnifera Cone Flower, cones brown, wide pendant rays of red and gold. Long season.

Liatris ligulistylis Blazing Star. Compared to others this might well be called Blazing Comet. (10c)

Liatris punctata Dwarf Gayfeather. Aug. 14" (10c)

Machaeranthera tanacetifolia Tahoka Daisy. All-season annual blue and gold. Plant in March or earlier for full effect. 12". (5c)

Mirabilis (*Quamoclidion*) *multiflora* Perennial Four-o'clock. Large plants, very productive, June on, a pleasing red-purple.

Nuttallia decapetala Prairie Star. Large, ten-petaled, creamy, fragrant flowers of early dusk. Biennial or annual. Long season.

Oenothera (*Pachylophus*) *caespitosus* Large-flowered white, stemless Evening Primrose. Long season.

Oenothera (*Galpinsia*) *lavandulaefolia* Low, bright yellow Evening Primrose. Long season.

Oenothera (*Meriolix*) *serrulata* Select form, true from seed, flowers nearly two inches wide, bright yellow Evening Primrose. Long season. (50c)

Opuntia fragilis Dwarf Prickly Pear Cactus. Yellow.

Opuntia humifusa Large flowered, red-fruited. June.

Opuntia polyacantha Yellow flowered, many spined.

Oreocarya glomerata Prairie Candle. A pretty white Forget-me-not, usually biennial.

Oxytropis lamberti Purple Loco. Grand plant for limy, well-drained places. June.

Pentstemon albidus White Plains Pentstemon. All Pentstemon seed 10c the packet, except as noted.

Pentstemon angustifolius Azure Pentstemon.

Pentstemon eriantherus Crested Pentstemon. Large, lavender.

Pentstemon glaber Smooth Pentstemon, deep blue.

Pentstemon gracilis Slender Pentstemon, lavender.

Pentstemon grandiflorus Shell-leaf Pentstemon, very large flowered, dark lavender. Also called Wild Foxglove, Sand Hills Bluebell, etc. June.

Pentstemon grandiflorus Seed from pure white-flowered plant. (25c)

Pentstemon haydeni Blow-out Pentstemon, very rare and beautiful. Grows near "blow-outs" in the Nebraska Sandhills. Flowers large, a milky blue lavender, fragrant; plant frosty green (50c)

Pentstemon nitidus Earliest of all, rich blue.

Pentstemon procerus Light blue, with many separate clusters of small flowers to the stem. July.

Pentstemon secundiflorus Very beautiful heat-enduring kind with showy flowers of lilac purple.

Petalostemon oligophyllus Short-spiked White Prairie Clover.

Petalostemon purpureus Purple Prairie Clover.

Sideranthus spinulosus Golden, Aster-like, Sept.

Sisyrinchium angustifolium Blue-eyed Grass. 12".

Solidago mollis A fine dwarf Goldenrod. 12", Sept.

Solidago pallida One of the best of the non-spreading Goldenrods. About 24", August.

Talinum parviflorum Small Sunbright, or Fame Flower, opening in afternoon sun. Long season. 7".

Thermopsis rhombifolia Golden Pea. 10 to 12", May.

Verbena bipinnatifida Perennial lavender Verbena. All season, low, spreading. (10c)

SHRUBS, 25c the Packet:

Artemisia filifolia Sand Sage. Beautiful, silvery, waving, pleasantly fragrant. Usually 18 to 30".

Chrysothamnus graveolens Large Rabbitbrush. Striking, like a bush covered with short spikes of Goldenrod. Fall flowering. Usually 3' or so.

Chrysothamnus sp. Similar in season and appearance but less than a foot high.

Physocarpus monogyna Dwarf Ninebark. Spiraea-like, spring blooming, about 24" high, good.

Rose W. J. Fargo, named for its discoverer by Prof. N. E. Hansen. A natural tetraploid. Charming, very double. Wild rose pink. 8 to 20" high.

ADDITIONAL HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS:

The following kinds remain from the crop of 1940, no new seed being harvested. 10c the packet:

Actinea (Tetraneuris) simplex Like a small golden Gaillardia. June and later.

Allium nuttalli Deep pink, almost red, flowering Onion, for sandy soil. 6 to 8". Spring.

Aquilegia latiuscula Yellow and red Columbine, much like *canadensis*. To 24".

Artemisia longifolia 24 to 30", silvery, distinct.

Aster kumleini Rose pink form, 15", Sept.

Crepis occidentalis A dwarf Hawkweed. Golden, somewhat Dandelion-like flowers; branching, 10 to 12".

Erigeron caespitosus Small, white and gold, July.

Erigeron flagellaris Whiplash Daisy. Ground cover plant with showers of small white blossoms. June.

Erigeron salsuginosus For moderate moisture, rich soil, some shade. Fine lavender blue flowers.

Homalobus caespitosus (*Astragalus spatulatus*-*Hortus II*) Thrilling May flowering cushion plant.

Lesquerella spatulata Bladder-pot. Interesting pods but far more beautiful bright golden flowerets.

Machaeranthera ramosa Unexcelled for autumn masses of deep, brilliant purple blue. Biennial, 12 to 24".

Monarda menthaefolia Less tall than eastern plant. Delightful fragrance, flowers lavender.

Oenothera (Meriolix) serrulata Common form, flowers about an inch wide. Abundantly, June on.

Opuntia fragilis A rare form with rounded sections, fine yellow flowers. Distinct effect.

Opuntia tortispina Twisted-spine Prickly Pear. Yellow flowered, red fruited.

Pentstemon brandegei Much like *P. glaber*, somewhat coarser. 18".

Pentstemon jamesi Narrow ashy leaves, fairly large rosy lavender flowers. Low, choice.

Petalostemon villosus Hairy Prairie Clover, gray green and rose pink.

Phlox alyssifolia Large flowered, pink, creeping.

Phlox hoodi Beautiful little white mat Phlox. 1 pkt.

Phlox scleranthifolia Long trailing stems make dense mats, snowed over in May with blossoms.

Psoralea cuspidata "Cigar-root," related to Indian Turnip. Mauve purple, plump spikes, summer.

Senecio purshianus Pursh's Ragwort. Gray and yellow.

Stenotus armerioides Larger Mountain-gold. Glossy yellow flower of rocky places. 5", June.

Thalictrum venulosum Dwarf Meadow Rue. Somewhat silvered, low, handsome foliage, bronzy flowers.

Townsendia exscapa Easter Daisy. See plant catalog.

Townsendia sericea Earlier, smaller, equal charm.

Viola nuttalli Golden Violet of the dry prairies.

Yucca glauca Dwarf Soapweed or Spanish Bayonet. Spires of greenish cream bells, to 3' or so. June.